

following communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 17, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: I am writing you today to respectfully request a leave of absence from my position as a member of the House Science Committee.

I am making this request so that I may better concentrate my efforts on my position as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where I am a ranking subcommittee member. Specifically, I would like my leave of absence to be temporary and to last for the duration of the 106th Congress. I also wish to retain my level of seniority on the Science Committee during my leave of absence. In addition, I have previously notified Minority Leader Gephardt and Ranking Member Brown of my intention to take a leave of absence from the committee.

I want to thank you for your attention to my request, and I hope that you will look upon it favorably. Should you have any concerns about this request, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Respectfully,
JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,
Member of Congress.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶12.17 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION— MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 18, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am writing to formally express my desire to resign from the House Committee on Resources.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶12.18 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. REYES, for today and the balance of the week.

And then,

¶12.19 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. JONES of Ohio, at 7 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶12.20 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules, House Resolution 83. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 669) to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act (Rept. No. 106-30). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 221. A bill to amend

the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products (Rept. No. 106-31). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 603. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents (Rept. No. 106-32). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶12.21 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. FROST, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FORD, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. BONO, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. HORN, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. TERRY, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. METCALF, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BUYER, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. COOK, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. NEY, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. McHUGH, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SHOWS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. COBURN):

H.R. 815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the designation of renewal communities, to provide tax incentives relating to such communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COX:

H.R. 816. A bill to require a parent who is delinquent in child support to include his unpaid obligation in gross income, and to allow custodial parents a bad debt deduction for unpaid child support payments; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EWING (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. MINGE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. BEREUTER):

H.R. 817. A bill to promote trade in United States agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products, and to prepare for future bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. BAIRD, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 818. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. DeFAZIO):

H.R. 819. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. GILCHREST, and Mr. DeFAZIO):

H.R. 820. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 821. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid coverage of disabled children, and individuals who became disabled as children, without regard to income or assets; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself and Mr. KANJORSKI):

H.R. 822. A bill to modernize and improve the Federal Home Loan Bank System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BAKER:

H.R. 823. A bill to modernize and improve the financial services industry; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARCIA:

H.R. 824. A bill expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of Poland should address the claims of Polish-Americans whose homes and properties were wrongfully expropriated under Poland's former totalitarian government; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BEREUTER (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 825. A bill to set forth the policy of the United States with respect to Macau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FROST, and Mr. McNULTY):

H.R. 826. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for appropriate overtime pay for National Weather Service forecasters performing essential services during severe weather events, and to limit Sunday premium pay for employees of the National Weather Service to hours of service actually performed on Sunday; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. KLINK, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. WYNN, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. LUTHER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. ENGEL):

H.R. 827. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve the coverage of needy children under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Commerce.